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Type I Progress Report for the Period 14 February to
14 April 1974 for ERTS-1 Data User Investigation of
the Use of ERTS Imagery in Reservoir Management
and Operation - Proposal Number MMC 89

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The eleventh 2-month period of our participation in the ERTS-1
program has been featured by:

- a. Continued collection and entry of all DCS data into our
computer, and continued analysis of this data to provide system
reliability and data availability statistics.
- b. Continued work on the analysis of the results from our
Corps-wide questionnaire relating to the present status of and
future needs for automated data collection facilities. A complete
discussion will be available in our final study report (the tabu-
lated statistics may be found in Appendix A of our January 1974,
Type II Report).
- c. Continued analysis of pertinent data and ERTS imagery
from the late June to early July 1973 New England flood (see
July 1973, Type II Report for further details) to support our study
of the potential usefulness of satellite imagery and data collec-
tion for NED water related purposes both during and after a
significant flood event.
- d. Progress toward preparation of a snowmelt analysis re-
port (see January 1974, Type II Report for further details) which
will be included in our final study report.
- e. Continued progress in the development of a man/computer
interactive system for ERTS image processing.
- f. Progress toward preparation of our final study report
detailing all our activities in the development of methods for
analyzing ERTS imagery products to aid Corps watershed manage-
ment functions.

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A listing of the locations of our operating DCP's is inclosed. Please note the change from the list submitted with our last report. DCS data relay from NASA via our real time teletype link continues on a timely basis. Punched cards and computer print-outs of our data also arrive by mail in a timely manner. The ERTS-1 DCS hardware is still performing well. We are continuing to record and analyze DCP, sensor and battery performance and reliability. A complete summary of our statistics will be presented in the final report.

On 15 February 1974, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) installed a Martek Instrument Co., Inc. Mark III Water Quality Monitoring System with one of their DCP's at Libby Dam on the Kootenai River, Libby, Montana. On 6 April, an air temperature sensor and a rain gage were added as additional sensors to the DCP's output. The acquired information is being monitored and analyzed at CRREL. Significant results will be summarized in our final report. Beginning 1 April 1974, we began relaying information from our DCP's on the Saint John River in Maine on a daily basis to those responsible for forecasting floodflows on that river. This resulted from an agreement between officials from Canada and the United States that included the establishment of the DCP at Nine Mile bridge. The latter is a key index station for flood forecasts on the Saint John and one that has never before been accessible for real time data relay.

Negotiations are continuing between Corps of Engineers Headquarters and NASA concerning cost allocations related to the establishment of a demonstration direct downlink at the New England Division for collection of ERTS data. We are also following closely developments regarding the GOES Data Collection System.

On 26 February 1974, a major coordination meeting, involving NED and CRREL took place at Waltham, Massachusetts. Several meetings have also been held with the University of Connecticut to outline their input for our final report.

We continue to be in contact with other ERTS investigators, especially personnel from NASA, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. During the reporting period, Mr. Cooper attended a meeting with Ball Brothers, Inc. of Boulder, Colorado at which an inspection was made of equipment developed for the U.S. Geological Survey: a

DCP Memory Board to permit increased amounts of data to be transmitted via ERTS DCS, as well as an ERTS/GOES convertible data collection platform. Also, during the reporting period we had discussions with COMSAT General Corporation concerning the possible interest of COMSAT in supplying a commercial operational satellite (or satellites) for data relay. On 10 April, our ERTS Data Collection System was demonstrated for a representative of the Corps North Atlantic Division to assist them in determining the best procedure for satisfying their own automated data collection needs.

In letter of 5 March 1974, the New England Division requested that NASA continue sending ERTS-1 DCS data as long as the satellite is operational. An extension for acquisition of ERTS imagery for as long as possible in anticipation of acceptance of our ERTS-B proposed investigation was also requested.

Our ERTS-1 imagery standing order has been changed from two copies of all material we have been receiving to one copy each and the part of our order regarding 70 mm. transparencies has been changed from 70 mm. negatives to 70 mm. positives. We requested on 19 February and received from NASA during the reporting period, seven ERTS imagery scenes on magnetic tapes.

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* S-RIVER-STAGE
P-PRECIPITATION
C-COASTAL(WIND DIRECTION,VELOCITY AND TIDE)
Q-WATER QUALITY(TEMPERATURE,CONDUCTIVITY,PH AND DISSOLVED OXYGEN)
T-TEST-SET(SENSORS VARIABLE)

